

## **REMARKS**

### **Summary of the Office Action**

In the Office Action, the Examiner recommends particular changes to Figs. 7A and 7B at paragraph 2 on page 2 of the Office Action.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12 and 15 now stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,333,729 to Ha (hereinafter "Ha") in view of newly-applied U.S. Patent No. 5,168,270 to Masumori et al. (hereinafter "Masumori").

Claims 3, 6, 9, 10, 13 and 14 remain objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 16-19 remain allowed.

### **Summary of the Response to the Office Action**

FIGS. 7A and 7B have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's comments in the Office Action. FIG. 2 has been amended to correct a minor typographical error. No claims have been amended, canceled or added by the instant Amendment, accordingly, claims 1-19 remain pending for consideration.

### **Drawing Objections**

In the Office Action, the Examiner recommends particular changes to Figs. 7A and 7B at Section 2 on page 2 of the Office Action. Accordingly, the drawings are objected to by the Examiner.

In response, attached is a Submission of Replacement Drawing Sheets including all of the FIGS. 1-7B in this application, to replace the previously-filed drawing sheets. In these Replacement Drawing Sheets, FIGS. 7A and 7B have been amended to remove the legend "Prior Art", as suggested by the Examiner at page 2, Section 2 of the Office Action dated December 31, 2003. Moreover, FIG. 2 has been amended to also remove the legend "Prior Art" because that figure was labeled as both "Conventional Art" and "Prior Art," thereby conforming this figure with the other figures. Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments correct an administrative error in FIGS. 2, 7A and 7B in the Submission of Replacement Drawing Sheets filed on September 22, 2003. The concurrently-filed Submission of Replacement Drawing Sheets is being submitted to resolve these issues. Accordingly, Applicants request that the concurrently-filed replacement sheets be entered and that the objections to the drawings be withdrawn.

**Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12 and 15 now stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,333,729 to Ha (hereinafter "Ha") in view of newly-applied U.S. Patent No. 5,168,270 to Masumori et al. (hereinafter "Masumori"). Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons.

Applicants respectfully submit that Ha and the Applicants' invention claimed in the instant application were, at the time the invention was made, subject to an obligation of assignment to the same assignee, LG.Philips LCD Co., Ltd. Applicants note that while Ha is assigned on its face to LG Electronics Inc., Ha was assigned to LG.Philips LCD Co., Ltd. after issuance. This assignment is recorded at Reel/Frame 010281/0291.

Further, Ha qualifies as prior art only under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Accordingly, as the instant application was filed after November 29, 1999, Ha shall not preclude patentability of the Applicants' claimed invention in accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 103(c). As all of the above-noted rejections rely on the disclosure of Ha, Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections should be withdrawn. Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Moreover, the Examiner is thanked for the indication that 3, 6, 9, 10, 13 and 14, while objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that all outstanding objections to the claims be withdrawn for at least the foregoing reasons. Moreover, the Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 16-19 are allowed.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.


**EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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